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BECAUSE OF THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY, THERE WILL BE NO BULLETIN OR PROGRAM NEXT WEEK

OPEN HOUSE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31 -- Clubrooms, 1475 Broadway
Doors Open at 9 PM ----- No closing time set
Members and Guests: \$2.50 per person.

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GALA NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION

Again the Overseas Press Club observes one of its most cherished traditions -- the annual New Year's Eve party to ring out the old, welcome in the new ... as sirens blow and crowds swarm through Times Square below. And this year the House and Hospitality Committee has blueprinted a 14-karat, super-stupendous blowout to celebrate what will be the OPC's "Farewell to Times Square". (By next New Years, the Club will have moved into its new Memorial Building on East 39th Street.)

Noisemakers, favors, decorations, Christmas tree and entertainment will characterize the festivities. Three luxurious door prizes await guests, as well as a lavish buffet and well-equipped refreshment table. (ADMISSION PRICE INCLUDES ONE FREE LIBATION.) Please make reservations early -- THIS IS URGENT. No one who ever attended an OPC New Year's Eve party in the past will want to miss this one!!

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**** ADVANCE TIPS ON COMING EVENTS ****

Thursday, January 8 -- First luncheon program event of 1953 will feature the OPC's only priest-member, Father Max Jordan, speaking on "The Only News That Matters". Veteran NBC commentator in Europe, Father Jordan last year was ordained a priest in Switzerland. He's now engaged in a lecturing-writing tour in this country.

CLUB HEADQUARTERS WILL BE CLOSED CHRISTMAS WEEKEND, -- INCLUDING FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26TH.

FUND DRIVE NEARING ONE-THIRD OF GOAL TOWARDS CORRESPONDENTS MEMORIAL BUILDING

One month after the OPC launched its drive to raise \$300,000 for a permanent press center in New York City to serve as a memorial to correspondents who gave their lives in World War II and Korea, contributions and pledges total nearly \$100,000. Gifts from members, friends, large corporations, publishers, and the general public range from one dollar to ten thousand dollars.

WE STILL NEED HELP -- THERE'S \$200,000 TO GO!!

This week we received \$10,000 from CBS, \$1,000 from Admiral Corporation, and \$1,000 from Sam Goldwyn. Other large gifts came from Joseph Alsop, Frank Altschul, Thomas J. Deegan, Jr., Clarence Dillon, Marshall Field and Marshall Field, Jr., William V. Guffin, Huntington Hartford, Conrad Hilton, Yousuf Karsh, Mrs. Mary W. Lasker, Senator Herbert H. Lehman, Herbert Sheftel, Charles L. Stillman, ROBERT TROUT and WALTER LIPPMAN.

Members are reminded that December is the final month for 1952 "charity" contributions for income tax returns, and are urged to take stock of their donation budgets--as well as reminding others to do the same--to help the Memorial Fund achieve its \$300,000 goal. Listings of contributors will be carried in The Bulletin.

Many contributions--ranging up to \$100--have been coming in from those who heard the series of appeals over radio and TV during the past two weeks made by OPC members.

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OPC HEADQUARTERS SWAMPED WITH CAMPAIGN ACTIVITY

Members are asked to exercise forbearance during the Memorial Fund campaign in their expectations of the OPC office. The staff has taken a large extra load of clerical work, and has been shifted to make way for the campaign office. Functioning in make-shift quarters temporarily, it has had to divert some of the time usually reserved to routine club functioning to the increased activity around the current Memorial Drive. Despite the constant interruptions and new obligations, however, every effort is being made to continue Club "business as usual".

The Club continues to remain open every day from Monday through Friday, from 9:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Refreshment, library and lounge facilities are available.

During this pressure period, members are requested to use post-cards or letters rather than telephones wherever possible and feasible. Your cooperation will be deeply appreciated.

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WYTHE WILLIAMS, founder-president of the Overseas Press Club, will speak to members of the Women's Press Club Saturday afternoon, December 27, in the grand ballroom of the Hotel Statler. His talk will explain the Memorial Fund Drive, and ask for the contributions of the 700 members and guests expected to be present.

EUROPE-BOUND?

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Special "Thrift Season" fares (Nov. thru March) for this deluxe "Strato" Clipper* service start at \$557.80 round trip. You save \$101!

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THE EDITORS OF THE BULLETIN WOULD LIKE TO WISH OUR READERS
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New Membership Applications

Active: Robert L. Dunne, public relations department, Standard Oil Company of New Jersey.
Germany: Jan. to July 1946, editor of weekly U.S. Constabulary publication "The Bolt";
August 1945 to Jan. 1946, U.S. 7th Army correspondent (ass't pro) for Army publica-
tions. Proposed by RALPH MAJOR, JR., seconded by EDWIN E. DOWELL.

Correction: The name of new member EARL O. EWAN was mis-spelled
in the December 13 issue of The Bulletin announcing his admission.

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Lt. Col. EDWARD AUSTIN, Armed Forces Advisory Committee liaison section, Hq First Army, has
been elected to Armed Forces membership by the Board of Governors of the Overseas Press Club.

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One of the top insurance companies in the U.S. is looking for two staff underwriters,
college trained in law, accounting or business or press background, age 30 to 40.
Training course in metropolitan area home office followed by assignment in New York.
Attractive salary plus commission. Contact DAVE ZINGG, United Fruit Co. Pier 3,
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"Beyond the High Himalayas" (Doubleday & Co. Inc.) is WILLIAM O. DOUGLAS' account
of his 1951 trek through the heart of Central Asia. Many illustrations, some in
color, add to this unique travel story. Justice DOUGLAS, who made the trip during
a Supreme Court recess, quotes A. T. STEELE on the Dalai Lama. Justice DOUGLAS
would like to see Red China weaned from Soviet imperialism "so we could widen the
basic conflicts between Russia and China and send whirling into opposition the
clashing interests of Chinese nationalism and Soviet imperialism!"

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HENRY GELLERMANN, during a visit to Vienna, picked up an issue of Neuer Wiener Kurier published
in the Russian-controlled sector, which carried a cartoon depicting A. WILFRED MAY in a silk
hat, dollars falling out of his pockets, carrying briefcases packed full of "misinformation"
about USSR and her satellites--the cartoon was based on a guest column MAY wrote for Leonard
Lyons after his return from the Moscow Economic conference, and said that readers (of the N.Y.
Post, presumably) were "an eager audience of American bankers and war mongers."

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SHORTS--E&P carries double page photo spread on newsmen's trip with Ike to Korea in December 13
issue...News chiefs wondering who'll foot the bill--an estimated \$47,000 for the press plane
alone...JIM LINEN, publisher of TIME, undertaking personal solicitation of gifts for the OPC
Memorial Fund drive from individuals in his organization...LARRY BLOCHMAN's in December 27
Collier's with "The Girl With the Burgundy Lips"...George Wells, N.Y. Times Sunday Magazine,
on December 30 "Town Meeting of the Air"; discussing effects of TV on American home life...

OVERSEAS TICKER
 ROME Dateline--(Special to The Bulletin)--Feverish preparations are under way to cover Rome's first big news story of 1953--the Consistory--the Catholic world's top news item since the 1950 Holy Year...One American will receive the red hat of a Cardinal...New addition to AP Rome bureau is Allan Jacks, formerly AP Syracuse, N.Y., who just completed tour of Europe on a one-year Reid Fellowship...Jacks replaces Al West, now on AP's N.Y. Radio desk after three years in Rome...Jim Pringle due in Rome February 1 to augment AP's photo staff...Pringle, fresh from Korea and 1½ years hospitalization, is awaited by Rome old-timers who remember the affable Irishman's tour of duty here in the immediate post-war period with another AP photog, Frank Noel, now PWing in North Korean camps...Top AP Washington correspondent, Jack Bell, on a quickie vacation in Rome...

INS bureau chief Mike Chinico due back from NYC...Frank Gervasi, ex-Collier's, ex-ECA Rome Information Chief, now deeply absorbed in TV work. Gervasi visiting NY, returning shortly to Rome...Melton and Greta Davis sending Christmas cards Stateside ahead of the rush...WALTER C. WEISBECKER, former ABC correspondent in Italy and Vatican State, now FAO assistant executive officer, Expanded Technical Aid Program; also father of first son, Andrew...Melton Davis replaces WALT as ABC Rome...
 Barrett McGurn, NY Herald Trib correspondent in Italy since 1945, the first foreign correspondent since WW II to be tended a farewell dinner by Italy's Foreign Ministry Press Section on the eve of his departure for his new post as Paris bureau chief for the NYHT...McGurn is replaced in Rome by Frank Kelley, former OPC president and former NYHT national and foreign news editor in NYC...Kelley was welcomed by a Foreign Press Club cocktail party preceding the Foreign Ministry dinner, attended by Jack Begon, NBC; Ned Calmer, CBS; WALT WEISBECKER; George Weller, Chicago Times; Roger Tartarian, UP; Stan Swinton, AP; Arnaldo Cortesi, NY Times; Tom Dozier, Time & Life; MIKE STERN, Fawcett Publications; ED STEVENS, Christian Science Monitor; and many other U.S. and foreign newsmen and their wives.

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 MEXICO CITY Dateline--(Special to The Bulletin)--Foreign newsmen were given the red carpet treatment by the Mexican government during the inauguration of the new Mexican president, Adolfo Ruiz Cortines...inaugural ball was staged on all four floors of the Foreign Office, with lobster, champagne and the works in ample supply...Pres. Cortines has long been on good terms with correspondents permanently stationed in Mexico during his term as Secretary of the Interior, and is starting his administration with a wham-bang clean-up campaign of Mexico, both morally and physically...Correspondents who came to Mexico to cover the ceremonies included Jules DuBois, Chicago Tribune; Robert Hallett, Christian Science Monitor; Loomis Dean, Life; Hedda Hopper, and others, including newsreel and TV cameramen...

Sydney Gruson and his wife, Flora Lewis, parents of their third child, first son, born Dec. 12...Gruson, N.Y. Times correspondent, was in N.Y. when the big event took place; Flora had just finished covering the inauguration...Bob Prescott, UP bureau chief and his wife, Ingrid, parents of a second daughter born in the American-British hospital here...

Outgoing President Miguel Aleman gave a luncheon honoring foreign correspondents, many of whom had covered his entire six-year tenure...the Foreign Press Association presented Aleman with a scroll citing his constant support of freedom of the press in Mexico...OPC'ers at the lunch included ROBERT BENJAMIN, CHARLES GUPTILL, JOHN WILHELM...Larry Stuntz, AP correspondent in Mexico City, back after a six-week visit to the States; Larry, his wife and two children left Vera Cruz by Norwegian freighter and reported it a comfortable, relaxing trip to N.Y....

A survey of OPC members in Mexico reveals that they vote overwhelmingly in favor of the weekly format of The Bulletin. General sentiment was that what out-of-the-country correspondents want is news of the foreign correspondence industry, and they want it while it is still newsy. They feel a monthly magazine would not only be more infrequent, but usually takes an additional month to prepare, publish and mail. News would be old hat by then. The only local member in favor of the monthly was JOHN WILHELM, and the only reason he could give was that RUSS ANDERSON is his boss (RUSS is pushing the monthly idea).

INS Bureau chief Randy Morris, president of the Foreign Correspondents Association of Mexico, awarded the Aztec Eagle, Mexico's highest award to foreigners, for promoting goodwill between U.S. and Mexico...Irwin Forman, editor of McGraw-Hill's Ingenieria Internacional, attended Pan-American highway congress and took a quick look at engineering progress in Mexico...William Barlow, president and Robert O'Dell, assistant to publisher of Vision magazine, the Spanish language news and photo magazine edited in New York, have been visiting ROBERT BENJAMIN in Mexico City. (from JOHN WILHELM)

OUR PROLIFIC
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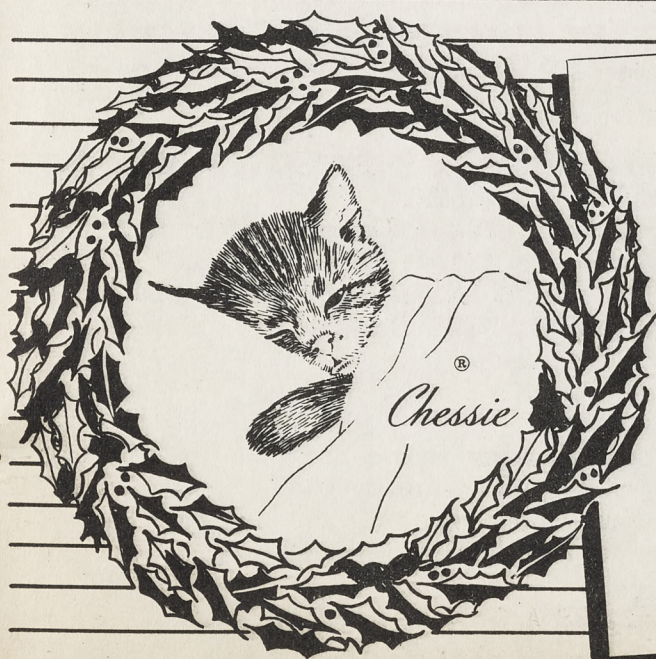
The December 13 Saturday Evening Post uses a profile of Santa Claus by DOROTHY CAREW and JOSEPH ROSAPEPE, and a profile of jet ace Colonel Gabreski by RICHARD TREGASKIS...SERGE FLIEGERS, reviewing "Off the Record" in December American Mercury, says: "Since the time of Xenophon, foreign correspondents have been like a roving conscience unleashed upon the world." This is less true today "in an age of government handouts, manipulated opinion, and censorship." It is therefore pleasant, concludes FLIEGERS, "to be reminded of the good old days when foreign correspondents disguised themselves as waiters, swanherds (sic), or potted palms--and got their story."...GERTY AGOSTON's story of the Arizona lamb that thought it was a dog, "Doggie the Lamb", published in several German-language papers here and in Germany...ROBERT TROUT goes to Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, to televise the celebration of the 49th anniversary of the Wright Brothers first flight for EDWARD R. MURROW's "See It Now" CBS-TV show...RAY JOSEPHS' piece on "How To Beat the High Cost of Living" drew cover mention in last week's American Weekly...WILL OURSLER wrote the lead article in current See magazine: "The World Narcotics Cartel"...

VICTOR LASKY's film, "The Hoaxters," produced by Dore Schary, has been rushed into three Los Angeles theatres to qualify for the Academy award for best documentary of the year...

CON GEBBIE maintains a library of more than 3,000 company publications as a free reference service for editorial and public relations people at The Gebbie Press, 19 East 48 St. MU 8-5258. KATHRYN CRAVENS's Xmas card, executed by James Montgomery Flagg, plugs "Pursuit of Gentlemen"--especially Santa Claus--and depicts a blonde cow-gal lassoing a portly Santa...LEWIS H. BOWEN, vice-president in charge of public relations and creative writing at Kersting, Brown & Co., elected to the board of directors of this fund-raising consultant firm...

Look magazine and Justice WILLIAM O. DOUGLAS getting to be practically inseparable...JUDGE DOUGLAS, in the lead article this issue, declares that all-out war against Red China itself is the only real alternative for the United Nations if China refuses a reasonable political settlement. In Douglas' opinion, the delivery of Formosa to the Communists would be too high a price to pay for peace, would make the West an "accomplice to the murder of millions of people"...

LOUIS LOCHNER, whose services as "specialist" for the State Department have just finished, is now back to gathering material for his new book, "gallivanting up and down Germany, meeting people in every walk of life"...EGBERT WHITE sends greetings to "all the OPC gang" in a three-page multigraphed newsletter to his friends from Manila, where he is director of the Regional Service Center of the International Information Administration, Department of State...OPC'ers WALTER P. SCHUCK (Germany) and STEPHANOS ZOTOS (Greece) two of UN correspondents pictured in December 13 Editor & Publisher...



Seasons
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Greetings

THE CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO RAILWAY COMPANY

Past President BOB CONSIDINE's trip to Korea as one of three newsmen accompanying Ike netted him one of his biggest scoops (MacArthur to meet with Ike); BOB credits INS N.Y. office and Bill Hearst for the tip--thousands of miles for the tip to travel to the source...CONSIDINE describes the newsmen's furtive departure from the 31st street ramp of Penn station (they were not even permitted to notify their own offices of time nor details) as "part cloak-and-dagger and part like a raid on a "House"; newsmen followed instructions not to assemble but to loiter in different doorways, and when the black cadillac pulled up promptly at four a.m. the guys pouring out of every available doorway stirred some dim memories in BOB's police-beat past...

In Korea the party hit temperatures as low as 10 below. In Seoul, it was 10 to 14 above most of the time. Sometimes the jeeps were winterized, and sometimes they weren't. UP's Merriman Smith says when the jeeps weren't winterized "we just turned and put our faces to the floor to keep out of the wind." Smith said in the press hostel at Seoul each man had a water bottle by his bed, or so Merriman thought, until one morning when his was empty, he picked up another fellow's, took a drink and found he was gulping straight gin as an eye-opener!

CONSIDINE said the press quarters, formerly a Korean apartment house, were crowded and "restaurant and men's gym odors mingled". Newsmen sleep on cots in their offices, which serve as cooking headquarters as well. Some of the correspondents are amateur hot-plate cooks, to round out the glum fare of the communal dining room...INS' Tokyo bureau chief, Bob Schakne, became an expert hot-plate ravioli man, according to BOB...

AP's Don Whitehead, at one point in the trip, wrote for 40 hours straight. When they got to Honolulu lots of Whitehead's friends turned out to the airport to see him. At the last minute a woman with a child came rushing out, and the child yelled, "Daddy!" Whitehead explained, "It's my godchild". Later on, on the same trip, another child yelled, "Daddy" and Whitehead hid his head, but it turned out to be the child of the driver...

Summing it up, CONSIDINE said that though he joined in the disappointment of the 125 correspondents--some had come from all over the world--who felt bitter after Ike's Seoul "press conference" where no questions were permitted, he felt it would have developed into a shambles since many of the would-be questioners were angered at Ike's so-called "snub" of the people of Seoul...correspondents had to obtain special passes, submit to frisking, and in general were built up to a terrific let-down--but, in fairness, BOB pointed out it was much too soon for Ike to be expected to give thoughtful replies after so cursory an inspection and before he had time to digest his own impressions and military reports...

The president-elect, said BOB, is a little hard to interview- for he seems "to sense questions in embryo" and shows astonishing agility in turning the conversation to another topic..."He's a fascinating talker," BOB says, "and pretty soon you find you've forgotten your question or else he's taken you so far afield you can't get back!"

Was the trip useful? Bob says at first he thought not, now thinks yes--since Ike, "a good judge of men and of the plans they submit" will draw in the months to come on his accumulation of first hand impressions.

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